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## AT OLD POINT

THE WAR SHIPS OF THE WORLD  
ATTRACT BIG CROWDS

## THAT SALUTE OLD GLORY

And Wave Handkerchiefs In Admiration of the Gorgeous Array of Pomp-Interesting Points in and Around Fortress Monroe and Hampton Roads—America's Beautiful War Vessels, and Handsome Officers and Men—The Pride of the Seas.

The TRANSCRIPT man was one among the fifteen or twenty thousand persons who visited Old Point Comfort on Sunday last to view the White Squadron and its foreign visitors.

The train reached Cape Charles City about half an hour late, and there was a grand rush by the hungry passengers for the boat, Steamer Norfolk that carried them across the bay.

Everybody was hungry and the office of the purser was besieged by an impatient crowd waiting their turn to secure tickets and seats. It was a delightful two hours' trip on the boat, notwithstanding the dull and gloomy look taken on by the clouds.

About half way across we got our first sight of the war vessels. To the left of our course was anchored one of the Italian men-of-war having in tow one of Columbus' vessels. It was just such a ship as we had seen in our geography.

We landed on the pier about 9.30. At this hour most of the residents of the Hygeia and the Stafford were enjoying their breakfast and laying plans for the day, but half an hour later the scene had changed. Handsome ladies and gallant officers were beginning to come out, and the purser's office was crowded with people.

We were fortunate enough to be allowed to visit the pride of the English navy—the Blake—and the San Francisco, of our own navy, but must say that the vessels, officers and men we came in contact with, those of the American were superior in every respect.

After our visit to the ships we "took in" Fortress Monroe. The old fort is well preserved and still retains much of its old-time glory.

A beautiful view was presented from the ramparts of the fort in the harbor. The heavy cannon of thirty years ago are still seen on the ramparts, and the fort is still the number one of the fort.

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After leaving Fortress Monroe we took one of the electric cars and rode to the National Soldiers' Home at Hampton. The first point of interest in this place was the remains of sixteen thousand soldiers, the best years of whose lives were given to the Union. They are laid in long phalanxes, and at the head of each, a plain little marble slab bearing the name of the soldier.

After a brief view of this great army of departed heroes, we strolled through the avenues of the home where more than a thousand battle-scarred veterans are awaiting the final call. There were many tents scattered about the grounds and several new buildings were in course of erection. The grounds are located on the banks of the James River, and from which one has a grand view. They are beautifully laid out in flower plots. The buildings are handsome brick structures, and with Uncle Sam takes good care of his old soldiers.

About 6 o'clock while watching the passing throngs of beautiful women and handsome officers bent on enjoying the last day of the vessels stay in Hampton Roads, the distant boom of cannon was heard as that memorable day nearly thirty years ago when the Monitor and Merrimack had their little fight in these same waters. It was the signal guns of the Brazilian fleet coming up the river, and as their towering masts hovered into sight on the horizon the big cannon of Fort Monroe belched forth their welcome in a salute of twenty-one guns which made the earth tremble and their echo was cast back from the clouds. The vessels in the Roads also saluted the new comers through their muzzles—the cannon.

While loitering on the dock we met a captain of the First Delaware Volunteers who was stationed at the fort at the opening of the war. He was in a reminiscence of the war, and recounted the story of how the little Monitor had gained the mastery over the Merrimack on those early days of

## TO FOUND A SCHOLARSHIP.

The Foreign Missionary to Pay Tribute To A Departed Member.

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society has an undertaking, which if successful, will perpetuate the memory of one of the noblest of God's saints. The aim is to endow a scholarship in the Girls' School at Calcutta, which shall be known as the Margaret E. Layton scholarship, by which one girl may be educated for missionary work as long as the world stands. Miss Layton was very well known to most of the readers of this paper, as she made her home and was a teacher here for several years and also in various other places through the State. All who knew her can but feel an interest in this undertaking. No more fitting tribute could be paid to the memory of one who gave her life to the work in India. The Middletown Society will contribute liberally to this work and to help swell the funds the ladies will give an entertainment in the Opera House the last week in May. A fine musical program will be given, which will be followed by a Strawberry Festival. The former pupils and friends of Miss Layton will be glad of an opportunity to help in so good a work, and the Missionary Society will appreciate any aid that may be given.

## FREIGHT BY ELECTRICITY.

Electric Railroads as Freight Carriers in Other Places.

Much of the objection to Electric Railroads by inland towns is the unreasonable cost of their freight hauling, which is carried by carrying freight.

This is an unfounded mistake which arises no doubt from the fact that in towns where the electric road is in operation there is no necessity for hauling freight, as the steam roads do this.

When at Old Point Comfort last week we had the pleasure of inspecting the electric road that unites Old Point to Newport News. This road has not been built very long, and previous to its operation all freight was hauled by wagons from the former place to Hampton and also to Newport News.

The distance between the two places is seven miles, and in addition to their passenger coaches the road has a small double which they attach to their trains and thus transport freight between the different towns.

The citizens of these towns say they could not do without their electric road and that there is a great saving made each year by the use of the electric road.

The people of Odessa, Warwick, Saxapex and other towns will form the same opinion as soon as the Odessa and Middletown road is in operation.

## SMYRNA BOOMING.

To Put Up Electric Light Plant and Build Sewers.

The Senate Monday passed the House bill to enable the town of Smyrna to borrow \$25,000 for the purpose of building sewers and erecting an electric light plant. An election is first to be held to ascertain the wishes of the people on the subject, each property owner having a vote of one-half of the value of his property.

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## PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

—Dr. W. E. Barnard spent Sunday with Still Pond friends.

—Thomas Budd was a visitor at the Capital on Tuesday last.

—Mrs. M. C. Glendon, of near town, visited Chester town friends this week.

—Miss Helen Naudin returned on Monday from a visit with Wilmington friends.

—Miss Eessie Reynolds, who has been in Philadelphia for some weeks returned home on Tuesday.

—Mrs. Laura Hill, of Philadelphia, visited her sister Mrs. Frank Pierce, near town, this week.

—Joseph Denney, of the Port Penn lighthouse, was in town on Tuesday, and made the TRANSCRIPT a pleasant call.

—Warren Cochran, who has just returned from a business trip South, stopped over to see his mother and sister on Wednesday.

—As we go to press we learn that although Mr. Nathaniel Williams is very ill, he passed a good night, and shows signs of improvement.

—Miss Alice McKee who came home to attend the funeral of her grandmother, Mrs. Howell, on Tuesday, returned to Baltimore on Thursday.

—Mrs. N. M. Brown, Mrs. R. L. Price and Miss Addie Hazard and Emma Ingram, attended the W. C. T. U. Convention at Townsend on Wednesday.

—Dr. G. G. Chamberlain left on Wednesday morning for New York where he will be the guest of his son for several days. The Doctor witnessed the naval review.

—Frank Dorsey, of near Warwick, having passed a successful examination for admission to the Williamson School at Media, Pa., will enter upon his school duties next week.

—Mr. A. G. Cox, accompanied by his sister Miss Lou, went to Dover on Monday, where they are making a visit at the M. E. Parsonage, the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Purpurg.

—John W. Jolls left for New York on Thursday to see the maneuvering of the warships. From there he will go to his new England home, and renew old acquaintanceships in "Little Rhody."

—S. R. Ester, representing the clothing house of Hamburg & Sons of Wilmington, was stationed at the Middletown Hotel this week taking orders for spring and summer clothing. Mr. Ester stated that there was an effort to establish another school in Newark, opposite the college, and that the citizens, students and faculty were protesting against it. She appealed to the convention to join with the people of Newark in a remonstrance, and Mrs. N. M. Brown made an earnest prayer that God would stay the hand of the enemy, and defeat the purpose of evil.

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While all the sessions were interesting, a glance at the programme showed the evening session to be the grand climax when the children were to be to the front. At 7:30 p. m. the church bell chimed out, and every direction the little folk came, accompanied by parents and friends, and the pretty edifice was filled. A beautiful green arch was suspended over the pulpit bearing the words, "Welcome, W. C. T. U." flowers beautiful and fragrant were tastefully arranged about the chancel and the scene was indeed an attractive one. After devotional exercises led by Mrs. Sallie Taylor, of Townsend, the little voices sweetly sang their "Cold Water" song, a large choir composed of W. and D. W. C. T. U. members and led by Mrs. V. B. Maloney and Mrs. Clara Latonas, gave many beautiful and stirring selections.

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Miss Treney White, Mrs. Kate Davis, Mrs. Sam. Johnson, Miss Lily Landy and Mrs. T. C. Latonas. Persons calling for the above will please say they are advertised.

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VERY INTERESTING SESSIONS

The Reports of the Various Committees—Miss Margaret Hillis Presides in the Absence of President Mrs. V. L. Culbertson—Addresses by Visitors—A Musical Programme led by Choir Master Maloney.

The fifth annual convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of New Castle County met at Townsend, Del., April 28th. In the absence of Mrs. V. L. Culbertson, County President, Miss Margaret Hillis, State President, presided. The morning session began with devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. R. H. Matlack, State Superintendent of evangelistic work. Mrs. Matlack took for her theme the last verse of the 3rd chapter of John and gave a fine talk on "Soul Knowledge" emphasizing the need of her own personal experience and the understanding that would come to everyone who sought of the truth.

After the roll call of officers to which sixteen responded, Mrs. Margaret Roe very briefly but cordially welcomed the W. C. T. U. Revs. Hynson, Carpenter and Roe also gave words of welcome and hearty good cheer. Miss Margaret Eastburn from Hockessin, responded in behalf of the Convention.

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## WARREN GUILTY.

The Jury Brings in a Verdict of Manslaughter.

The trial of James L. Warren for the murder of James P. Greenly, at Dover, this week has created considerable interest. From the evidence adduced it was shown that previous to the murder which occurred on February 27, Greenly had threatened that he would kill Warren on sight. The prisoner was notified of this, and also of the fact that Greenly always carried a revolver. The day of the murder it was stated that Greenly drove out of his way and through a private lane that led by Warren's house, and that when he saw Warren, he jumped out of the buggy and started for him.

When they clinched, and Greenly had Warren's head under his arm, the latter drew a barlow knife from his pocket, and began hacking Greenly in the leg to make him let go, and not with the intention of killing him.

The knife, however, severed an artery and Greenly died from loss of blood. Warren immediately gave himself up, and was arraigned before the grand jury, which found an indictment against him for murder in the first degree.

Attorney General Nicholson is prosecuting the case, while Warren is defended by Lawyers Pennell and Kenney. The testimony was all taken in a little more than a week. The lawyers presented their charges on Wednesday, and the case went to the jury.

The case was given to the jury on Wednesday afternoon, and when court convened on Thursday morning they returned a verdict of manslaughter. He was sentenced immediately by Judge Lore to pay a fine of \$2000, pay all costs, and serve 18 months in jail.

FINED FOR SUNDAY WORK.

A Zealous Seventh-day Adventist Fined for His Religious Opinions.

A decision was rendered in the Adventist case, which has continued to be by far the most interesting case of the present term of court at Chester town. The decision of the magistrate's court imposing a fine and costs for working on Sunday was affirmed with costs above and below. John W. Judd, the defendant, interrupted the court several times during the rendering of the decision, questioning Scripture and asking scriptural questions. He positively refused to pay the fine and was remanded to jail.

Judd is a zealous follower of the Seventh-day Adventists, who do not consider Sunday as the Sabbath. He was arrested in September for working on Sunday. The defense was that the Sunday law under which the arrest was made is unconstitutional in that it abridges and restricts the right of the citizen to worship God after the dictates of his own conscience. The court held that it in no way abridged such rights.

A Description of Washington, D. C.

The illustrated and descriptive book issued by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company on Washington and its surroundings is highly entertaining, and gives the best idea of this beautiful city and the many points of interest to be visited while making a trip on one of the personally-conducted tours of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

These, which are of three days' duration, are the best and cheapest means for visiting the national capital. The round trip rate of \$11 covers all necessary expenses, which include accommodations at the best of Washington's hotels. There are only two of the tours remaining, the next of which will leave Philadelphia May 4th, and the last May 20th. Applications for tickets or book can be made to the tourist department of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, No. 233 South Fourth street.

THE NEW ADDITION

To the Shirt Factory To Be Built Very Soon.

The ladies employed in the shirt factory have acted upon the suggestions published in last week's TRANSCRIPT and subscribed about half the stock to insure the erection of the new addition to the factory buildings. It is a wise move on their part and evidences the fact that they have an interest in the establishment that furnishes them employment.

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Work has ceased at the water works for several days, and the Light and Water Commission are in a quandary. The contractor has been driving an 8-inch well, but on Wednesday he was unable to proceed any farther because of some hard substance which refused to be penetrated by the drill. Some of the members of the Commission do not know whether or not to expend more money in attempting to force a passage through the rock, and are having almost daily consultations. The result is looked forward to with much interest.

For Ladies and Children.

Vertelli's Novelties has been playing at the Opera House this week, and have been presenting one of the best shows we have ever seen in a dime and nickel show. It is just such a show as delights the little ones. There is that quaint "Punch and Judy" who have their domestic troubles, those little entertainers the Marionettes, who sing and dance, the boy violinist, Vertelli and his talking figures, the fire king and the paper queen. You cannot spend an hour or so in more innocent amusement. Go and see him to-night. You'll not regret the price of admission. A matinee for ladies and children will be given at 2 o'clock. Children will be admitted for 5 cents at this performance.

The Farmer's Opportunity.

Since Monday last the price of butter has gone up seven to eight cents wholesale and has reached the high figure of 45 cents retail along the curbstone market. No good butter can be obtained at less than the last mentioned price. This rise in the price of butter is a direct result of the fact that there is an insufficient supply of grass on the farm lands. The recent rains have not been general nor enough to make the grass grow and the yield of milk has been below the normal figure for the spring season.

St. Anne's Church.

Rev. J. Beers will preach a sermon on "Confirmation" next Sunday at 10 30 a. m. service. In the evening the sermon will be on thoughts suggested by the "Naval Review" of this week.

Bishop Coleman is expected to officiate at the evening service of Sunday, May 14th, at 7 30 o'clock, and administer the rite of "Laying on of Hands," or "Confirmation."

A New Liquor Law.

The bill to allow retailers to sell liquor in quantities from one quart to one gallon to be drunk off the premises, and in quantities less than one quart to be drunk on the premises, passed both houses of the Delaware legislature this week and is now a law.

## DIED IN MISSOURI.

A Former Delawarean Dies in Kansas City at an Advanced Age.

News has been received in Middletown of the death of John Hayes on April 20th. The deceased was a brother of Mrs. M. E. Jump, of this town, and was well known in this vicinity.

He was a local preacher in the M. E. Church at Dover for a number of years. The deceased was stricken with paralysis and being in advanced years, it proved a fatal attack.

During the session of the Wilmington Conference in March last, he derived much pleasure from hearing read the reports in the TRANSCRIPT, and could understand fully what was transpiring in his former home. His funeral occurred on Sunday last.

THROUGH DEMOCRATIC GLASSES.

The Republican State Senators Highly Complimented For Their Personal Worth.

The Dover correspondent of the Evening Journal says: Senator Pilling has occupied a peculiar position for two years. He has been the leader of the Republican minority and yet has acted as a "father" to all of the senators, regardless of political bias.

This session the Republican minority narrowed down to two. Notwithstanding this Senator Pilling has been as pronounced in his denunciations of political measures, as just in his admissions of good features in them, and as consistent in casting his vote as he was two years ago, when the Senate stood four to four, with Senator Williams holding the balance power and exercising it on all political questions. There isn't a Democrat in the State House who does not admire the Klammens statesman for the manly stand he has taken at all times. They have found in him a fair opponent and always knew just where he stood on all public questions.

Senator McMillin is also a Republican, whose home is near St. Georges. He is the only member of the Senate actively engaged in agricultural pursuits. He has ably represented his constituents but has not always clung to party lines. He has done good work as chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, and has been just as pronounced as Senator Pilling in his expressions of opinion regarding all measures in which he felt an interest.

ATTEMPTED HIGHWAY ROBBERY

Tried to Grab a Woman's Watch From the Back of the Wagon.

The Chester town TRANSCRIPT has the following: A bold attempt was made on the public road on Sunday evening, about two weeks ago, to rob Mrs. George W. Rodenhiser of her watch. Mr. Rodenhiser and his daughter were sitting on the front seat of a dayton, while Mrs. Rodenhiser and her sister, Miss Clements, occupied the back seat. Suddenly Mrs. Rodenhiser was somewhat startled at feeling an arm and hand partially around her waist, and asked her sister if she had put her arm around her. She was told that she had not. Mr. Rodenhiser looked in every direction, but could see no one. Two distinct efforts were made it is supposed to grab the watch and chain of the intended victim of the robbery, but as the desired articles were worn in a higher position the attempt was ineffectual. Upon reaching home the back of the carriage was examined and the curtain was found to have been torn by the would-be highwayman. Mr. Rodenhiser and his family were returning from church about 9:30 or 10 o'clock.

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THE LEGISLATIVE REASONS

For Putting off Final Adjournment—The Passing of Bills and Routine Work Only—Visitors to the State Capitol—Ambassador Bayard Stops Off Between Trains.

DOVER, April 26.—There have been lots of visitors in Dover this week, due no doubt to the approaching end of the Legislative session. There are a number of smaller bills still hanging fire, and one or two which both houses seem somewhat afraid to take up.

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